

January 27, 1998

**INSTALLATION OF SOFTWARE PATCHES  
FOR NATIONAL ENROLLMENT**

**1. PURPOSE:** This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides facilities with revised instructions for the installation of patches IVM\*2\*9 and DG\*5.3\*122. The instructions in this directive need to be followed before following the instructions in VHA Directive 98-005. The initial transfer of files will be sent to the Austin Automation Center (AAC) instead of the Health Eligibility Center (HEC).

**2. POLICY**

a. The Albany Field Office Chief Information Office (CIO) has released patches IVM\*2\*9 and DG\*5.3\*122 to all field facilities. A separate patch to extract data from Centralized Data Collection Pilot sites is planned for distribution in February 1998.

b. By January 25, 1998, these patches must be installed into the VHA healthcare facility's computer system and by January 30, 1998 all extract files must be transferred to the AAC via file transfer protocol (FTP).

**3. ACTION**

a. Patch message DG\*5.3\*148 must be installed into the facility's computer system prior to installing patches IVM\*2\*9 and DG\*5.3\*122.

b. Facilities that integrated on or after January 1, 1996, will need to install the patches and run the extracts on both their legacy and primary systems.

c. Facilities must install the extract patches by January 25, 1998, and run the extract program by January 30, 1998, but should not run the extract until they are contacted by the HEC. Installation of the patch will trigger an electronic mail message to be sent to the HEC. This message will notify the HEC of the installation and provide the name of the person who installed the software.

d. A HEC staff member will send an electronic message via FORUM to this person to provide additional instructions including the Username and Password needed to place their extract file(s) on the AAC system at the time of the transfer. Each site must respond to this message to advise HEC when the FTP process has been completed. HEC staff will monitor to make sure all sites have accomplished the effort by January 30, 1998.

e. Questions relating to running of the extract routine should be referred to Customer Service and questions relating to the FTP process should be referred to, Sonia Taborsky (AAC), (512) 236-6198.

**THIS VHA DIRECTIVE EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 1998**

**VHA DIRECTIVE 98-007**

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**4. REFERENCES:** VHA Directive 98-005, Installation of Software Patches, dated January 15, 1998.

**5. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** The Chief Information Officer (19) is responsible for the contents of this Directive.

**6. RECISSIONS:** This VHA Directive will expire September 30, 1998.

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